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Addendum

IV. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation (continued)

Topics for future in-depth evaluation

1. At its 4th through 6th meetings, held on 10 and 11 May 1993, the Committee considered the note by the Secretariat on topics for future in-depth evaluations (E/AC.51/1993/6).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations found the report useful as a basis for their decisions. A number of delegations stated that the considerations to be borne in mind in determining topics for future in-depth evaluations contained in paragraph 8 of the report should be broadened to include programmes generally considered to have been unsuccessful.

3. A number of delegations expressed their preferences regarding programmes to be evaluated in the period 1996-2000. A number of delegations endorsed the proposal to evaluate peace-keeping activities. A number of delegations considered that such an evaluation could be undertaken in the form of a case-study focusing on one or two operations and drawing general lessons. Other delegations considered it more feasible to concentrate on the managerial aspects of peace-keeping operations. A number of delegations also agreed to evaluating

the programme on environment but considered that the focus should be broadened to include the developmental aspects of the programme.

4. A number of delegations proposed evaluating the work of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs. A number of delegations proposed evaluating the programme on Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development.

5. One delegation observed that the only decision required by the Committee was the selection of the programme to be evaluated in 1996 and that for the following years an indicative list could be drawn up, leaving the final decision for subsequent sessions.

Recommendations

6. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that the following programmes be subjected to in-depth evaluation, scheduled as follows:

1994: Social development

1995: [UNRWA] [Peace-keeping; start-up phase, administrative aspects]

1996: [Africa]

1997: [Humanitarian affairs] [Environment]